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TAX OVERHAUL

Tax changes could hurt Ga. projects

House proposal would eliminate the kind of bonds used to finance campus facilities, interstate work.

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may have a major impact in the future on infrastructure projects in Georgia – from road construction to how much students pay to live in college dorms.

Congressional proposals to change the U.S. tax structure

eliminate the kind of bonds the University System of Georgia has used to build more than \$3 billion worth of dorms, parking decks, dining halls and other facilities on campuses, and it would keep the state from saving tens of millions of dollars refinancing that debt.

The Georgia Department of Transportation would lose a tool to help finance major interstate projects.

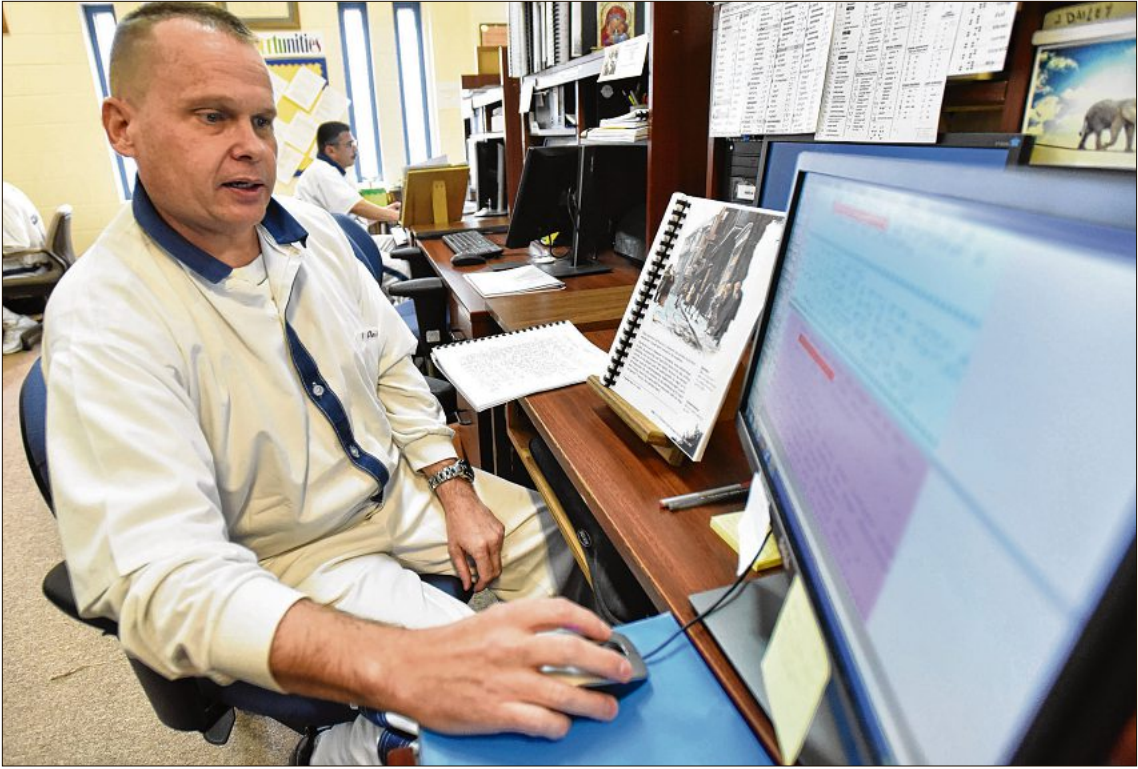
Similar changes to the tax-free status of certain bonds used primarily for refinancing could make it harder for MARTA to find money for new projects as well. In addition, local officials are worried plans to eliminate the income tax deduction for state and local taxes would make it harder for cities and counties to sell new infrastructure projects locally.

All this comes at a time when President Donald Trump is continuing to call for increased spending on infrastructure – including roads and bridges – across the country by combining forms of public and private investment.

The centerpiece of the House-

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PRISON LIFE



Jay Dailey, an inmate at Central State Prison in Macon, talks about the prison's braille program, which turns inmates into transcribers and transforms textbooks into books the visually impaired can read. It's one of about 40 such programs in prisons across the country. PHOTOS BY HYOSUB SHIN / HSHIN@AJC.COM

Braille transcription offers inmates chance to succeed

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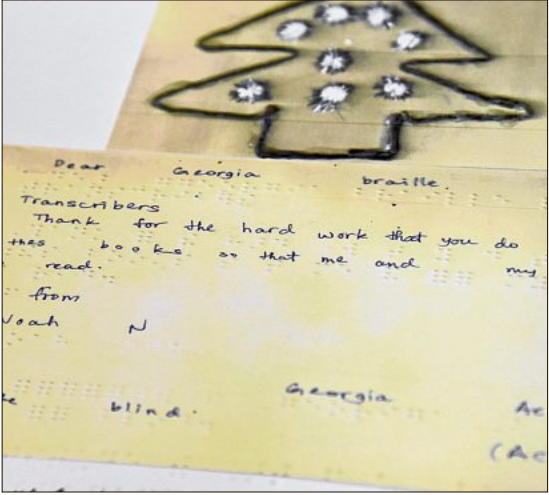
MACON — Deep inside Central State Prison, more than a dozen men spend hours each day hunched over a computer keyboard, transcribing math, literature and political science textbooks into braille.

The murderers, sex offenders and other criminals – one of them a former cop who shot and wounded a fellow off-duty officer while in a drunken rage – have set up their respective work stations with photographs, plants and books, just like any other office.

“When I come through that door each morning, I don’t feel like I’m locked up,” said former Duluth police officer Jay Dailey, who was sentenced to 60 years in prison in 2008 for wounding Fulton County police Cpl. Paul Phillips and assaulting a female motorist.

Dailey, 52, is focused on transcribing the stage

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A thank-you letter from a student shows the value of the work done by inmates in the braille program at Central State Prison. One algebra book, for example, could cost the state \$60,000 to produce.

CHEERLEADERS' PROTESTS

Report says KSU didn't follow state advice on protests

University System of Georgia should have been notified of change.

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Kennesaw State University president Sam Olens did not follow state guidance when the university made a change that kept cheerleaders from kneeling on the football field during the national anthem, a report released Tuesday concluded.

University System of Georgia officials told Olens and the presidents of its public universities during a two-day October meeting that taking a knee during the anthem is free speech protected by the U.S. Constitution and should not be interfered with, unless it causes a disruption. Any changes by a college should be discussed with the USG.

The Saturday after that meeting, KSU implemented a change that kept its cheerleaders in its stadium tunnel before the anthem. That was a week after five cheerleaders had first taken a knee on the field. Olens did not discuss the change with USG officials, who learned about it through an Atlanta Journal-Constitution article.

“President Olens was aware of the proposed change three days

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ATLANTA REDEVELOPMENT

Civic Center sale sets stage for development

Prime intown site will be the home to \$300M mixed-use community.

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The Atlanta Civic Center, the money-losing and aging performing arts hall, now belongs to the city's housing authority, which will move ahead with a \$300 million mixed-use, mixed-income community on the prime intown location.

Mayor Kasim Reed and authority CEO Catherine Buell announced Tuesday the housing agency closed on its purchase of the 19-acre site, which was first announced in August. The completed sale marks a new chapter for the property whose future was put in doubt last year when the city scrapped a previous plan to sell and redevelop the land.

The plan now includes a mix of apartments and senior housing, office space, retail, a grocery store and green space. AHA plans to develop 250 low-income housing units, while Invest Atlanta, the city's economic development arm, will provide incentives for 10 percent of the residences to be reserved as “workforce housing.”

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What have we learned from Smart in Year 2?

UGA's Kirby Smart has shown that maintaining a constant, predictable disposition begins with the head coach.

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Warden for medical prison reassigned

The move is a signal that state officials want new leadership at the Augusta facility as it deals with sanitation and safety concerns.

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Inside the search for missing Gwinnett man

Over the last quarter-century, Tracy Sargent has built a business tracking down missing people. Now she's looking in Gwinnett.

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